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Bob and Jim,

This is to follow up on EPA's July 21, 2011 letter requesting copies of files used to develop the draft Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment (BHHRA). As noted in the letter, EPA agrees with numerical calculations and technical findings of the document. Thus EPA believes that this request should not hinder progress on the draft FS. We understand there is some confusion about the intent of EPA's request and the implications of EPA modifying the document and we are providing clarification in this email..

It is not EPA's intent to take over the risk assessment from the LWG. EPA believes that there are changes needed to some of the language and presentations in the document, and it will be most efficient for EPA to mark up the document with those specific changes rather than provide additional comments that would then lead to further back and forth (comment & revision cycles) between EPA and LWG.. The intent is to expedite the process by providing an approvable red-lined document that the LWG could then finalize.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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